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## **San Francisco Earthquake Conference includes Washington EMD presenters**

CAMP MURRAY – Two Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD) staff members will make major presentations at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Earthquake Conference commemorating the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. The five-day international conference will run from April 18-22.

George Crawford, EMD's earthquake and tsunami program manager, and Mark Stewart, EMD's hazard mitigation strategist, will discuss how tsunami ready communities can be established using public education, scientific data on past tsunami events, and state-of-the-art alert and warning systems. Their presentation will highlight work that has been done to improve tsunami readiness along the Washington coast.

Their April 18 tutorial session has more than 100 registrants including representatives of local, state and federal agencies; academic institutions from New Zealand, Hong Kong, Israel, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan and Mexico; several international communications, insurance, investment and research corporations; seven major U.S. public and private universities; and nine professional and scientific organizations including the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Geophysical Union, and the Western States Seismic Policy Council.

Stewart will be part of an April 20 presentation on the three-year study that developed the 2005 report on the impact of a major Seattle Fault earthquake to the Central Puget Sound Region.

Crawford will present a conference paper on translating scientific information into usable emergency management products and will conduct a poster session about getting tsunami warning messages to the public. In addition, he is a co-author of a conference paper on constructing tsunami-resistant buildings.

"We are extremely honored to have two EMD program staff members who will make presentations to this very prestigious international conference," said Jim Mullen, EMD director. "Their work was selected from among a thousand academic research papers submitted for presentation at the conference. Their selection stands not only as a tribute to the caliber of their work but also to the importance of their findings to our state's tsunami and earthquake preparedness efforts."

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